



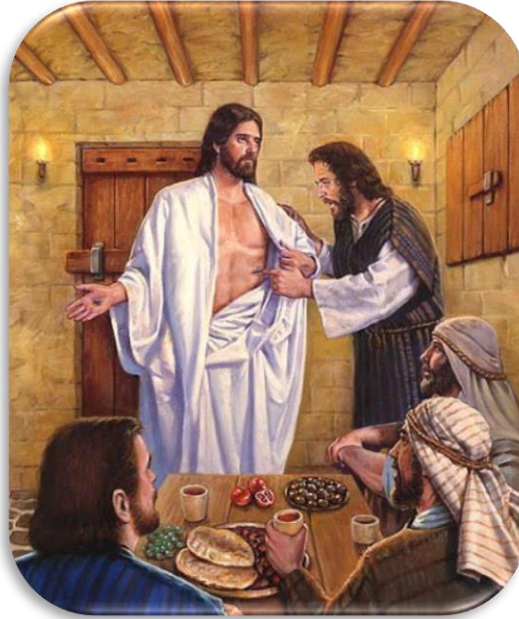
# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

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*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;  
The righteous run to it and are safe.  
Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)*



**Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** *“He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.”* Such is our confession today on this Second Sunday of Easter. We rejoice and glorify the name of God; and we extended a welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Welcome.

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**WATCHWORD:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *(1 Peter 1:3)*

**Provincial Theme 2023:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose,  
and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Congregation: *We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Hymn 120 – *“With Hearts and With Voices”*

Confession of Faith – I (p. 240 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Prayer of Confession, Adoration and Thanksgiving

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”*  
(Ephesians 1:3)

Offertory Hymn: 270 – *“He Pardoned My Transgressions”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

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The Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 272 – *“My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”*

Blessing of Children

Hymn 121 – *“I Serve A Risen Saviour”*

The Benediction & Organ Postlude



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## Organ Prelude

### Introit

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 118:24):

Leader: *This is the day the LORD has made;*

Congregation: *We will rejoice and be glad in it.*



### Hymn 120 –

With hearts and with voices, O praise ye the Lord;  
Man's foes he has conquered, fulfilling his word;  
He lives who was dead, and now rules in his might,  
Let all in their loud hallelujahs unite.

Hell's host he has conquered, has broken sin's chain;  
Led death, too, his captive, man's freedom to gain;  
As Prince of earth's peace, he now reigns on his throne;  
Once bond-slaves of Satan, he claims us his own.

Man's debt has been paid, for man's surety has died;  
God's Lamb has been slain, and his blood been applied;  
Redemption's accomplished for Adam's lost race,  
For Jesus has risen, attesting God's grace.

Then bless the great conqueror with heart and with song;  
He now ever liveth, his praises prolong;  
In us, living Lord, be thy home ever found,  
Till earth's hallelujahs in heaven resound.



## CONFESSION OF FAITH I

I believe in the one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself;

*Glory be to You, O Lord most high.*

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in him before the foundation of the world;

Who delivered us out of the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;

Who has blessed us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;  
Who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

***In him I truly believe.***

I believe in the only begotten Son of God, by whom are all things and we through him;

Who became flesh, and dwelt among us;

And took on him the form of a servant; Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of man;

He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin;

He spoke that which he did know, and bore witness of that which he had seen;

As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God.

***In him I truly believe.***

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, and the third day rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

***This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and undone human creature, purchased and gained me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and dying; to the end that I should be his own, and in his kingdom live under him and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence and happiness; even as he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns, world without end.***

I believe in the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, that he should be our Comforter, and abide with us for ever;

That he should help our infirmity, and make intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered; that he should bear witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and teach us to cry, Abba, Father;

That he should shed abroad in our hearts the love of God;

And make our bodies his holy temple;

And that he should work in us the will of God, dividing his gifts to each one, even as he will.

***In him I truly believe.***

To God be glory in the Church which is in Christ Jesus, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times, and from eternity to eternity. *Amen.*



## Prayer of Confession, Adoration and Thanksgiving



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”*  
(Ephesians 1:3)

### Offertory Hymn: 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,  
He sanctified my soul,  
He honours my confessions  
Since by His blood I'm whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!  
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!  
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!  
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment  
By trusting in His grace;  
'Tis through His blest atonement  
That I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction,  
He leaves me not alone;  
He's with me in temptation,  
He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me,  
His blessings ever flow;  
He fills me with His glory,  
He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful,  
His love I do enjoy,

For this I shall be grateful,  
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing  
Which we receive on earth  
That does not come from heaven,  
The source of our new birth.



### **Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

#### **Offertory Doxology**

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks  
For all you've done  
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest  
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



### **Greetings, Celebrations & Notices**



### **Adoration in Songs & Choruses**



## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3 – 9**

3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
5. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7. That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
8. Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
9. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.



**Second Scripture Reading:      John 20: 19 – 31**

19. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
20. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.
21. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
22. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
23. Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.
24. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.
25. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.
26. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.
27. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.
29. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.
30. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.



### **Choir Anthem – “Above All”**



### **Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**



### **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



### **Hymn 272 –**

My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in device or creed:  
I trust the ever-living One –  
His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him,  
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's Name,  
Salvation through His blood.



My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave.



## Blessing of Children



## Closing Hymn: 121 –

I serve a risen Saviour,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy,  
I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him  
He's always near.

*He lives, He lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks to me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives,  
Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me  
I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair  
I know that he is leading,  
Thro' all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing  
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian!  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs

To Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him  
The help of all who find,  
None other is so loving,  
So good and kind.



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: *Chelsea Greenidge*

Advanced: *Shelah Clarke-Parris (17<sup>th</sup>), Cornetta Franklin & Liam Pinder (18<sup>th</sup>), Gloria Skeete (22<sup>nd</sup>), Anson Skeete (25<sup>th</sup>), Ansonia Burgess (27<sup>th</sup>), Samantha Lewis (28<sup>th</sup>), Yvonne Burrell (29<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Elsworth Clarke & Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 18, 2023.*

## MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,  
Bless them all we humbly pray;  
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour  
Be their comfort every day.  
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,  
Favour them with his most gracious leading;  
Thus shall they be truly blessed,  
Both in labour and in rest.



*Flowers today are donated by Bro. Keith Roberts, in memory of his wife, the late Sis. Lydia Roberts.*



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- † This Week:
- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women’s Fellowship – Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Next Sunday: **NO WORSHIP HERE AT SHARON**
  - † **Annual Youth Convention – 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street.**



### In the Month of April 2023:

- † Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- † Youth Convention – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. It will be casual Sunday you are invited to wear your congregational colours. Sharon’s colour is Burgundy. The theme is “*Strength in Togetherness*” and our Speaker is Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner from the St. Kitts Conference.
- † Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>, online via Zoom.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We express thanks to all who organized, contributed and generally supported our FISH FRY on Easter Monday. It was a success.
  2. The Women’s Fellowship will hold a Farmer’s Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
  3. We extend thanks to all who maintained our Unity Prayer Watch here at Sharon & Dunscombe – Sunday April 09<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon – 12:00 midnight. The Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from April 03 – April 17, 2023.
  4. We are thankful for your financial support.
- † We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
  - † You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

- † Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
- 5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- † Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
- † We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- † Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- † You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



**Provincial Theme 2023:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

***“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. – Chairman of PEC***



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
‡ Of our congregation: *Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Norma Nicholls (QEH – A2), Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: *Sis. Shirley Blackman and family on the passing of her husband, Bro. Walwyn Blackman. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Saturday April 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., with the interment in the churchyard at the St. David's Anglican Church.*
4. World Peace



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ‡ Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25
- ‡ Offering Envelopes for 2023 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ‡ Missionary Collection Boxes 2023 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- ‡ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ‡ Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ‡ Books:
  - 📖 Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
  - 📖 Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
  - 📖 Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- ‡ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



